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I write in response to an e mail you all received from Judge Jim Patterson. I wish to emphasize that Judge Patterson speaks only for himself in this regard. Judge Patterson is passionate in his beliefs and is certainly free to share them. I can certainly assure you, however, that the consensus of the bench and employees of the 13th Circuit is that of relief and gratitude for the County and the City's response to our funding crisis and the public safety threat that it posed on our community. We also know that the work of our legislative delegation played an instrumental role in getting the funding issue before the Mobile City Council and the County Commission.

We accept the resolutions of the City and County as sincere expressions of their commitment to the Courts going forward. As the funding becomes available we will fill the much needed positions, process the cases more quickly and add additional trial dockets. We all understand that this is not a permanent solution, and will continue our efforts to have the state begin to reassume its rightful responsibility to the public we all serve.

On behalf of a grateful Circuit, we say thank you to our elected officials at the state, county and city level.

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